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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 23, 2005, with the three month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 23, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-referenced application and a Preliminary Amendment. Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to examination of the above-identified RCE application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.